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November 21, 2005

The Honorable Mike Johanns Secretary U.S. Department of Agriculture 14<sup>th</sup> and Independence Ave., SW, Room 200A Washington, D.C. 20250

## Dear Secretary Johanns:

I write to support the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) proposed regulation, Docket No. FV03-925-1 PR, regarding imported table grapes. As such, I encourage AMS to approve and finalize this proposed rule as drafted.

Specifically, the proposed regulation would move the effective date of imported table grape inspections up from April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This change is needed to ensure that grape imports meet California's standards and is supported by the Desert Grape Growers League of California.

Again, I support the proposed rule and urge you finalize it. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Georgi Jadanovich Member of Congress

cc: Lloyd C. Day, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service